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Office Action Summary

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed January 5, 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 129-200 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 129-200 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/05/05.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed January 5, 2005 have been acknowledged.
2. Examiner acknowledges newly added claims 177-200.

Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. Claims 129-200 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 78-113 of copending

Application No. 10/026,064. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both applications recite a light emitting device comprising an anode; a cathode; an organic compound layer provided between the anode and the cathode wherein the organic compound layer comprises a hole transporting layer and electron transporting; a mixed region disposed between the hole transporting layer and the electron transporting layer wherein the mixed region is an organic luminescent material doped to present luminescence in a triplet state and has a thickness of 10 nm or more and 100 nm or less. Additionally, both applications recite that the luminescent device is an electric appliance selected from the group consisting of a display device, a video camera, a digital camera, an image-reproducing device, a mobile portable computer, a personal computer, a cellular phone, and an audio. The reference application does not specifically recite that the mixed region is the intermediate region as in the present claims. Both applications recite a region of luminescent material that is doped with a material that presents luminescence in a triplet excite state.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed January 5, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the claims in the referenced application have been rejected. The claims of the present invention recite a light emitting device comprising an anode; a cathode; an organic compound layer provided between the anode and the cathode wherein the organic compounds layer comprises a hole transporting layer and an electron transporting layer;

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a mixed region disposed between the hole transporting layer and the electron transporting layer wherein the mixed region is an organic luminescent material doped to present luminescence in the triplet state. The co-pending application recites a light-emitting device comprising the same components as the present invention. The rejection is maintained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is (703) 872-9306.

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